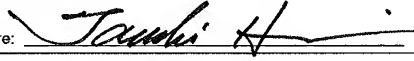


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☐ Previously submitted:

☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on ____.

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☐ Other: ____.

☒ Attached is/are:

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

☒ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

☐ Other: ____

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

☒ A request fee of \$810 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).

☐ An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time.

☐ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

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Respectfully submitted,

November 10, 2009

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